

**LEGISLATIVE DIGEST
OF THE
RUTHERFORD COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Thursday, March 17, 2011

- A.** Mr. Chairman, Ernest Burgess, called the regular session of the Rutherford County Board of Commissioners to order at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 17, 2011, in the Courtroom of the Rutherford County Courthouse in Murfreesboro, Tennessee.
- B.** Commissioner Doug Shafer led the invocation.
- C.** Commissioner Gary Farley led the pledge to our flag.
- D.** Twenty (21) members of the Rutherford County Board of Commissioners were present for the opening of the Legislative Meeting.
- E.** The February 2011 Legislative Meeting Minutes were adopted.
- F.** Resolutions of Recognition in honor of (1) National Surveyors Week and (2) The 40th Anniversary of Rotary Club of Smyrna were approved.

G. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Donald Todd spoke to a recent Associated Press report on the Use of Surplus Revenue

H. ELECTIONS & CONFIRMATIONS

- 1. The March Notary applicants were elected.
- 2. Joe Moshetto was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Tony Webb, Jr. on the Board of Zoning Appeals.
- 3. The reappointment of Don Alexander to the Smyrna/Rutherford County Airport Authority Board of Directors was confirmed.
- 4. Patrice Moore was appointed Judicial Commissioner.

I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NONE PRESENTED

J. PUBLIC HEARINGS – 6:30 P.M.

- 1. Rezoning & Conditional Use Permit Request - 11-A001 – Bill McDowell of 10147 Highway 99 - was approved.

K. REPORTS BY STANDING COMMITTEES

1. PURCHASING COMMITTEE REPORT

- a. None Reported

2. BUDGET, FINANCE & INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

- a. The General Fund Budget was amended to reflect changes to:
 - 1. Insurance Department
 - 2. Correctional Work Center
 - 3. Pet Adoption & Welfare Services
 - 4. Fire & Rescue
 - 5. Juvenile Court
 - 6. Transfers In
 - 7. Jail
- b. Authority was given to submit a grant application to the U.S. Department of Justice for use by the Sheriff's Department
- c. A Lease Agreement for Postage Machines for use by the Health Department was approved.
- d. Funding was authorized for the Design of Additions and Renovations to Eagleville High School.
- e. A contract with the Tennessee Department of Mental Health for evaluation and treatment services for Criminal Defendants charged with only misdemeanors was amended and approved.
- f. A grant contract with the Tennessee Department of Human Services for child Support Enforcement was amended and approved.
- g. A Contribution Agreement with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service was authorized.

3. HEALTH & EDUCATION COMMITTEE

- a. Chairman Jeff Jordan reported the winners of the 'Teacher of the Year' Awards, the extension of the Director of Schools contract; and the United Way giving program results for County Schools.

4. PROPERTY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

- a. The Sons of Confederate Veterans request to erect a permanent display at the base of the Confederate Monument was approved.

5. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

- a. No Report

6. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

- a. No Report

7. STEERING, LEGISLATIVE & GOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE

- a. A resolution to approve additions to the Commissioner's Handbook was amended and approved.
- b. The hiring of Attorney John Rucker as "Outside Legal Council" to assist with the "Rockvale Meadows" issue was approved.
- c. A resolution to urge State Legislators to Delay Enforcement of the VOTER CONFIDENCE ACT was approved.

L. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Robert Stevens asked to have a resolution added to the night's agenda. The resolution urges the Rutherford County State Legislative Body to oppose HB1119 and SB0478. The bills are currently advancing through the General Assembly and, as unfunded mandates, would negatively impact Rutherford County. The resolution was approved.

Commissioner Jeff Phillips offered congratulations from the Commission to Commissioner Gary Farley upon his retirement after 29 years of dedicated service to the Murfreesboro Fire Department.

Commissioner Steve Sandlin advised of the death of the father of Senator Bill Ketron. Visitation is Friday, March 18, 2011, from 4 to 8 pm at Jennings & Ayers Funeral Home with services Saturday at 11:00 am.

There being no further business, Mr. Chairman, Ernest Burgess, adjourned the Rutherford County Board of Commissioners Legislative Meeting. Time of adjournment was 7:31 pm.

Lisa Duke Crowell, Rutherford County Clerk

Rick Spence, Legislative Secretary

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